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Ayton gets 'Blitzed' by Council

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Cook Shire Councillors, Council staff and My Pathway volunteers joined forces in Ayton for a day of community, connection and honest hard yakka at the fifth Cook Shire Community Blitz.

With the aim of refreshing, revitalising and making the community and its infrastructure more resilient, some of the projects completed on the day included maintenance works on the Bloomfield Hall, the Ayton library building; a clean-up of the beach and dunes at Weary Bay; painting and repairs of the picnic tables; high-pressure cleaning of the playground equipment, toilets and facilities and, general landscaping, tidying and green-waste removal.

"It was a hugely successful event," Cook Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Linda Cardew said. "It's always fantastic to see the Council and the community coming together to work on projects that deliver such visible and tangible results. At Ayton, it was also great to have volunteers from MyPathway on hand working with the teams."

The Council's Blitz program began in 2018 at Coen, with Council staff, community volunteers and stakeholder groups wanting to implement a community improvement program to tackle issues identified by residents. The second event was held at the Cooktown Cemetery, then Lakeland and Laura in 2019, and Ayton in 2020 as part of the State and Federal government's Community Development Program. The success of the Blitz program has seen Cook Shire Council nominated for two Local Government Managers Australia (Qld) Awards, the winners of which will be announced on 27 August.

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